

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application.

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An aqueous composition comprising:  
a polymer comprising as polymerized units, based on the total weight of said polymer:
  - a) from greater than 7.5 to less than 100 weight % of at least one ionic monomer, and
  - b) from greater than 0 to less than 92.5 weight % of a nonionic surfactant monomer; wherein said polymer is formed by an aqueous free radical polymerization process in the presence of 0.01 to 1 weight %, based on the total weight of said polymer, of an organic compound selected from the group consisting of t-alkyl hydroperoxides, t-alkyl peroxides, t-alkyl peresters, and mixtures thereof, wherein said t-alkyl group has at least 5 carbon atoms.
2. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous free radical polymerization process comprises the steps of polymerizing 90 to 99.7 weight % of said monomers, based on the total weight of said polymer, and then polymerizing at least half of the remaining monomer in the presence of 0.01 to 0.5 weight % of said organic compound, based on the total weight of said polymer.
3. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 2 wherein said organic compound is present only after polymerization of 90 weight % of said monomers, based on the total weight of said polymer.
4. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said polymer comprises from 25 to 65 weight % of at least one ionic monomer.
- 5 (Canceled).
6. (Previously Presented) An aqueous polymerization process for preparing an aqueous composition comprising a polymer, said polymer comprising as polymerized units, from greater than 25 to less than 100 weight % of at least one ionic monomer; and from greater than 0 to less than 92.5 weight % of a nonionic surfactant monomer, based on the total weight of said polymer;  
comprising the step of:  
polymerizing said monomers in an aqueous reaction medium by free radical polymerization in the presence of 0.01 to 1 weight %, based on the total weight of said polymer, of an organic compound selected from the group consisting of t-alkyl hydroperoxides, t-alkyl peroxides, t-alkyl peresters, and mixtures thereof, wherein said t-alkyl group has at least 5 carbon atoms.
7. (Original) The process according to claim 6 comprising the step of polymerizing from 90 to 99.7 weight % of said monomers, based on the total weight of said polymer, and then the step of polymerizing at least half of the remaining monomer in the presence of

0.01 to 0.5 weight % of said organic compound, based on the total weight of said polymer.

8. (Original) The process according to claim 7 wherein said organic compound is present only after polymerization of 90 weight % of said monomers, based on the total weight of said polymer.

9. (Original) The process according to claim 6 wherein said polymer comprises from 25 to 65 weight % of at least one ionic monomer.

10 (Canceled).

11. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises from 35 to 75 weight % of nonionic surfactant monomer.

12. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises a weight average molecular weight of 1,000 to 100,000.

13. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises a weight average molecular weight of 25,000 to 1,000,000.

14. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises greater than 70 weight %, based on total weight of said polymer, copolymerized units derived from (meth)acrylic monomers.

15. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises a swellable polymer that solubilizes upon neutralization.

16. (New) The process according to claim 6 wherein said polymer comprises from 35 to 75 weight % of nonionic surfactant monomer.

17. (New) The process according to claim 6 further comprising neutralizing said polymer to form a solubilized solution.